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1. (C) BEGIN SUMMARY.

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END SUMMARY.
2. (U) ARAB INFORMATION MINISTERS MEETING IN TUNIS JUNE 12-13 ADOPTED RESOLUTION TASKING NEWLY CONSTITUTED "COMMITTEE OF FIVE" WITH PREPARING ACTION PLAN FOR A COMMON ARAB INFORMATION STATEGY TO "PROMOTE ARAB CAUSES AND TO COMBAT ISRAELI PROPAGANDA EFFORTS." MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE IRAQ, KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA AND TUNISIA, IN ADDITION TO THE HEAD
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OF THE PLO INFORMATION BUREAU. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, THE COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSED TO PRODUCE A STATEGY STUDY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE ARAB LEAGUE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT ARAB SUMMIT.
3. (U) MINISTERS REPOTEDLY ALSO AGREED TO AN IRAQI PROPOSAL TO STAGE A CONFERENCE IN PARIS ON THE THEME OF "ZIONISM IS RACISM" (PRESUMABLY LATER THIS YEAR). OTHER CONFERENCES WHICH PARTICIPANTS APPROVED WERE ONE ON "INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" (PARIS, 1981) AND ANOTHER ON "JERUSALEM UNDER ZIONIST OCCUPATION" (ROME, 1981). GROUP ALSO AGREED TO AN ARAB CULTURAL WEEK IN PARIS AND ASKED THE COUNCIL OF GULF INFORMATION MINISTERS TO PUT TOGETHER
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A SIMILAR EVENT IN VIENNA.

4. (C) INFORMATION MINISTES ADOPTED FORMAL RESOLUTION CONDEMING ISRAELI RAID ON TUWAITHA REACTOR, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR IRAQ AND ITS RIGHT, AS WELL AS THAT "OF EVERY ARAB COUNTRY" TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. AS FOR SOUTHERN LEBANON, A MILD DECLARATION CAME FORTH, CALLING FOR CONTINUATION OF MEDIA FFFORTS WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM. RESOLUTION RE EGYPT URGED PARTICIPANTS TO CONTINUE BOYCOTTING OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN MEDIA AND TO PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT TO EGYPTIANS WHO OPOSE THE POLICIES OF THE PRESENT REGIME.

5. (C) EMBASSY COMMENT: [redacted]

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